

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Title: "System, Method, and Service for Federating and Optionally Migrating a Local File System into a Distributed File System while Preserving Local Access to Existing Data"

Applicants: Ralph Becker-Szendy, et al.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of **December 29, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.